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Applicants: Margaret BYWATER et al.

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For: SEQUENCE-BASED MUTATION ANALYSIS OF NEOPLASTIC
TISSUE FOR DIAGNOSIS OR PROGNOSIS OF THE NEOPLASIA

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademark
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 10, 1998

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated June 10, 1998, the period for response having been extended two (2) months to November 10, 1998, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 12 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Amended) A method for prognostication of the development of neoplasia and obtaining guidance for treatment in a patient having a neoplasia comprising: [sequence-based diagnosis of a human neoplastic tissue, blood or other body fluid sample, by analyzing from genomic DNA or cDNA derived from said neoplasia the DNA sequence of a gene encoding the cancer-related p53 protein for the presence of mutations therein, characterized by]

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